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This canal which extends over 270 km. was built in 1939. It irrigates the valley, has improved cultivation covering an area of 500,000 hectares and has enabled 60,000 hectares of new land to be put under cultivation. In Central Fergana 5 new MT stations, one machine-excavator station and over 100 collective farms have been opened since the War. In the salt-marsh Shaarikhan Steppe several thousand hectares of land have been made arable and are now producing cotton, rice, lucerne, fruit and grapes. Field protecting tree belts have been planted and 3,000 dwelling houses built as well as hospitals, clubs and schools.

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